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Listing of claims**1-24 (Cancelled).**

25. (New) A method of producing a liquid spray composition for administration of a bioactive material to the nasal cavity consisting essentially of:

- a) a pharmacologically acceptable non aqueous liquid carrier selected from the group consisting of diglycerides, triglycerides and mixtures thereof in which said bioactive material is directly insoluble,
- b) a pharmacologically acceptable water insoluble ester of a water soluble acid soluble in said carrier,
- c) a pharmacologically acceptable water soluble glycol soluble in said ester, comprising from about 1 to about 5 wt.% of the total composition.
- d) a pharmacologically acceptable water soluble bio-active material soluble in said glycol but directly insoluble in said carrier said spray being non-aqueous tasteless, odorless,

which consists essentially of the sequential steps of dissolving the bio-active material of (d) in a glycol of (c), dissolving said solution of (d) in (c) in an ester of (b) and dissolving said solution of {(d) in (c) in (b)} in a carrier of (a).

26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the carrier is selected from the group consisting of a medium chain diglyceride, a medium chain triglyceride and mixtures of said glycerides.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the carrier is selected from the group consisting of a medium chain ethylene diglyceride, medium chain propylene diglyceride, a medium chain propylene triglyceride and mixtures of said glycerides,

28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the glyceride moieties are selected from the group consisting of caprylic and caproic glycerides.

29. **(New)** The composition produced by the method of claim 1 comprising
- a) from about 50-about 90 wt.% of the carrier,
 - b) from about 10-about 40 wt% of the water insoluble ester,
 - c) from about 1-about 5 wt.% of the water soluble glycol ,
 - d) from about 0.01-about 2 wt.% of the bio-active material.
30. **(New)** The composition of claim 29 comprising
- a) from about 60 about 90 wt.% of the carrier,
 - b) from about 10 about 20 wt% of the water insoluble ester,
 - c) from about 1 to about 3 wt.% of the water soluble glycol,
 - d) from about 0.01 to about 2 wt.% of the bio-active material.
31. **(New)** The composition of claim 30 wherein the glycol is a C₃ to C₈ glycol.
32. **(New)** The composition of claim 31 wherein the glycol is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol and propylene glycol.
33. **(New)** The composition of claim 29 wherein the ester is a lactate ester.
34. **(New)** The composition of claim 33 wherein the lactate ester is a C₁₂ - C₁₅ alkyl lactate
35. **(New)** The composition of claim 34 wherein the alkyl group is selected from the group consisting of cetyl, lauryl, isostearyl and myristyl and mixtures thereof.
36. **(New)** The composition of claim 29 wherein the bio-active material is selected from the group consisting of decongestants, antihistamines, antitussives, anticholinergics, steroids, antibiotics, analgesics, antispasmodics, bronchodilators, vitamins, hormones, antihypertensives and antimicrobials.

37. **(New)** The composition of claim 29 wherein the bio-active material is a decongestant.
38. **(New)** The composition of claim 37 wherein the bio-active material is selected from the group consisting of oxymetazoline, xylometazoline, naphazoline, phenylephrine, ephedrine in water soluble form.
39. **(New)** The composition of claim 38 wherein the bio-active material is in the form of a pharmacologically acceptable salt.
40. **(New)** A method of administering a bio-active material to a subject in need of same which consists essentially of spraying a pharmacologically effective amount of a composition of claim 29 into the nasal cavity of said subject.
41. **(New)** The method of claim 40, wherein the bio-active material is selected from the group consisting of decongestants, antihistamines, antitussives, anticholinergics, steroids, analgesics, antibiotics, antispasmodics, bronchodilators, vitamins, hormones, antihypertensives and antimicrobials.
42. **(New)** The method of claim 41, wherein the bio-active material is a decongestant.
43. **(New)** The method of claim 42, wherein the bio-active material is selected from the group consisting of oxymetazoline, xylometazoline, naphazoline, phenylephrine, ephedrine in water soluble form.